# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF PADDY IN M.P./CHHATTISGARH
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the quantum of paddy in tonnes likely to be produced in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the current year;

(b) the extent to which the production of paddy is likely to decline in terms of percentage in these States during the current year as compared to its average production in these States; and

(c) the strategy chalked out by these State Governments in regard to production ofrabi crop in order to make up the loss in paddy production?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No firm State-wise estimates of production of paddy are available yet. However, based on the preliminary information available, the production of paddy in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh during the current year is likely to be lower by 20- 25% as compared to the normal production (average for 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000- 01) of 7.82 million tonnes.

(c): Due to low water availability from reservoirs, the use of low water requiring crops such as gram, lentil, linseed etc. have been recommended to the farmers. Also it had been suggested that instead of the dwarf wheat, Tall and Durum varieties of wheat may be grown.